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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of Williams et al.	)	Examiner: James M. Hewitt
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Serial No.: 10/605,348	)	Art Unit: 3679
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Filed: September 24, 2003	)	Confirmation No.: 2347
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For: FERRULE WITH RELIEF TO	)	Attorney Docket: 22188/06726
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION ACCOMPANYING  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 25, 2006, Applicants hereby amend the claims and otherwise respond as follows. This submittal accompanies a Request for Continued Examination filed herewith.

The shortened period for response expired July 25, 2006, accordingly Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 03-0172 in the amount of \$450.00 for payment of the two month extension of time. The extended due date for this response therefore is September 25, 2006. It is believed that there is no additional fee associated with the filing and consideration of this response, however, **should the Commissioner decide that any fee or fee deficiency is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all fees incurred as a result of entering this response to deposit account number 03-0172.**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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